



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

Docket No: Q54629

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Appln. No.: 09/319,384

Group Art Unit: 1651

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Confirmation No.: 2943

Examiner: Francisco Chandler Prats

Filed: June 4, 1999

For: COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR TREATING A POROUS ARTICLE AND USE THEREOF

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2002, in which the Examiner set a three-month period for response.

A Petition for Extension of Time for two months is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, extending the time for response from March 19, 2003 to May 19, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

~~Please cancel claim 9 without prejudice or disclaimer.~~

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (twice amended) A composition for injection treatment of wood for preservation comprising an enzyme having a polyphenol oxidizing activity and an optimum reaction pH on an alkaline side not lower than pH 7.5 when activity is

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